

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 882 – HB 867

February 20, 2013

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Requires the Department of Health (DOH) to develop and adopt a concussion recognition and head injury safety course for use by various entities. This course and accompanying information shall be made available free of charge. Requires any governing authority or organization including cities, counties, non-profit organizations and businesses, either public or private, which conduct or govern school youth athletic activities or community youth athletic activities for which a fee is charged to adopt concussion policies. Sets forth the requirements for such policies including training for healthcare professionals, administrators, and coaches; information sheets to be signed and returned annually by administrators, coaches, participants, and their parents or legal guardians; prohibitions on return to play immediately following an injury; and graduated return to play after receiving written clearance from a healthcare provider.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (003254): Deletes and rewrites the original bill such that the only substantive changes are as follows: replaces the words “team medical provider” with “licensed health care professional” wherever they appear in the bill; and authorizes the organizer of a community-based athletic activity to allow a licensed health care professional, if available, with specific knowledge of the athlete’s condition, to manage an athlete’s graduated return to play.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:


- DOH will develop a concussion and head injury course using material available from the Centers for Disease Control.

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- Training will be given free of charge through the course and accompanying information developed by DOH. No increase in local expenditures to pay for course fees.
- Any increase in local expenditures to keep information forms on file is estimated to be not significant.
- Medical expenses associated with concussion treatment or evaluation will be paid for by participants' parents or legal guardians.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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